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May 13 General Membership Meeting
May 17-19 Hells Canyon Veterans Run

May 17-19 HCRC Work Party

May 25 Payette River Run

May TBD Salmon River Weed Run

June 10 General Membership Meeting

July 1 3rd Quarter Board Meeting

July 8 General Membership Meeting

August 12 General Membership Meeting

September 9 General Membership Meeting

September 14-15 Confluence Run
Hells Canyon

October 7 4th Quarterly Board Meeting

October 14 General Membership Meeting

October 26 Hammer Creek Run

November 11 General Membership Meeting

December 9 General Membership Meeting

***General Membership Meetings are at 7PM at TNT Bar & Grill in Nampa**

Salmon River Run

The Salmon River country was showing its best colors for the 30+ WWA captains and their quests on the annual mid-April run into the wilderness. It was an enjoyable two days of boating up the famed corridor to various points including Buckskin Bill's. The water flows were favorable, running right at 13,000. There was plenty to keep the eye busy, including a sighting of a large full curl ram spotted lounging along the banks enjoying the spring sun. There was one unfortunate incident in Chittam that qualified for the Silver Rock award.

Fortunately, no one was injured, and the boat was able to be placed back on the trailer.

It was a full weekend of fun after the run. Several WWA members camped together on the outskirts of town to enjoy each other's company. Many gathered the Friday evening for the Jet boat Race show and shine and BBQ in Riggins. Once again, the WWA provided the safety boats for the weekend races. Thank you to the club members that stepped up to lead a group up the river and to ensure the racers safety by volunteering to be a safety boat. -Anne Dutton.

And special thanks to Bill and Anne Dutton for chairing this event.

Glenns Ferry Run

The Glenns Ferry run was a great success again this year; the weather was the best I have ever seen on this run. On Friday a few boats went on the pre-run and to fish. There were 33+ boats for the run Saturday we had some mechanical issues but no "Silver Rock" candidates. We cooked 60 steaks for dinner there were probably more than 60 people however not everyone ate a steak; we had some wonderful side dishes. The company was great, we saw some people we haven't seen in a while, and even talked some of them into leading. We served breakfast Sunday morning; this was one of the biggest turn outs I have seen in a while. We ran out of eggs and sausage, but it was so great how everyone pitched in and brought more food. Some people went boating and others prepared for the drive home. We would like to thank our wonderful leaders Willie Bernie, John Bryant, Chad Colton, Tee Fisher, Doug Hadley and James Shore. We also had 5 Idaho Power guys join us for the run. Thank you all again for everything everyone does for the WWA. -Brandi Moore. Special thanks to Jim and Brandi Moore for chairing this event.

President's Message

April has been an interesting month for jet boaters in Idaho. Early on we were concerned that there would not be enough water to run to Salmon River. Due to several days of rain and warmer temperatures the river flows more than tripled in a week's time. At one point the gauging station at White Bird was out of commission and left everybody scrambling to find out what the river was doing.

Thanks to everyone's hard work, the Salmon and Glens Ferry runs were a great success. Our special thanks to Bill & Anne Dutton and Jim & Brandi Moore for chairing the runs, as well as the group leaders that helped to get everyone safely up the rivers and back.

There were lots of great meals and conversations around campfires even though we had quite a bit of rain on the Salmon.

The jet boat races were a great success as well and thanks to all the captains for using their boats and making it a safe and successful race. Special thanks to Bob and Becky Hayes and Jim and Brandi Moore for organizing all the safety boats.

The water flows are still good on the Payette River, join us on the Payette River Run on May 25th.

Please join us at our monthly meetings and get updated on the latest events. We look forward to seeing you on the river.

Clyde Durham



Salmon River Jetboat Races, April 2019, Riggins, Idaho

The jet boat races for 2019 have come and gone. 15 Captains volunteered their boats for this year's race. Thanks to all the captains and their crews, I believe that it was the first time we had safety boats in all locations including the turn arounds.

One safety boat had mechanical problems and stood down on Easter Sunday's race, but the captain helped crew on the Thorson's boat. The races went very well with only one yellow flag for Saturday and maybe a race first with ten race boats starting and finishing all legs (6) of the race without mishap or mechanical failure.

Sunday brought the results of Friday's warm weather and Saturday morning's heavy rainfall, roaring down the river with an increase of over 10,000 CFS to 28,000 CFS. After looking at the changes in Time Zone, the Captains of the FX Class boats decided it was prudent to sit the Sunday Races out rather than risk sinking a boat. Four race boats ran on Sunday with the turbine boat from Spokane running very fast, (this technology continues to amaze me, speed and little sound, crazy stuff when considering where these boats travel. Thanks again to all of the race crews for putting on the show and racing the Famous River of No Return – the Main Salmon River.

We had a good weekend and continue to learn more for next year. I would like to thank all of the boat crews, emergency medical technicians, Hamm radio operators and local volunteers for the time they put in on the river and the race. I would also like to thank Bob Hays for all the guidance he continues to pass along.

Jim Moore, Safety Boat Coordinator, WWA

We are looking for Captains for the upcoming Veterans Run

Please contact us at jetboat2@westernwhitewater.org if you are interested in volunteering.





Car Wash Rapid – Salmon River

Linda Bernier



HCRC Volunteers

Kelli Rosellini

The next Hells Canyon Recreation Collaborative's Volunteer Work party is scheduled for May 17-19. The volunteers will continue bathroom renovations and general site repairs and improvements.

Friday, May 17, 2019

12:00 PM

Sign in, registration and early bird workers

Saturday, May 18, 2019

8:00 AM

All day work activities

Sunday, May 19, 2019

8:00 AM

All day work activities

3:00 PM

Wrap up and go home!

More information and volunteer registration available here

<http://hellscanyonrecreation.org/>

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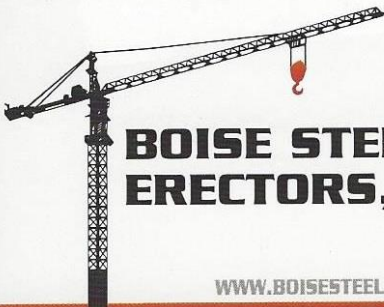
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Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Salmon River Reservations: Slate Creek Ranger Station:
 208- 839-2211

Hells Canyon Power Boat Reservations: General
 information: 509-758-0616

Reservations must be made online.

River & Reservoir Levels: Bureau of Reclamation: 208-
 334- 9134

Bliss Dam Outflows: Idaho Power (Call weekdays only)
 208- 388-2255

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MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION
P O BOX 8922, BOISE ID 83707

Please fill in membership information completely and print plainly to update our records

Family Membership \$50 (includes two votes)

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Name(s): _____

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